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For: DELETE SEQUENCES IN M. )  
BOVIS BCG/M. BOVIS OR M. )  
TUBERCULOSIS, METHOD FOR )  
DETECTING MYCOBACTERIA )  
USING SAID SEQUENCES AND )  
VACCINES )

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Applicants now reply to the restriction/election requirement dated December 18, 2002 (Paper No. 9). Applicants note that the period for reply has been extended to February 18, 2003, by a Petition for Extension of Time and fee filed herewith. Because the United States Patent and Trademark Office was closed due to inclement weather on February 18, 2003, this paper is being timely filed on February 19, 2003. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(h) and MPEP 510 (8<sup>th</sup> Ed.).

Please amend this application as follows:

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